

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended claims 6 and 38 to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments.

Rejections

Double Patenting

Claims 1-40 have been provisionally rejected as claiming an obvious variation of claims 1, 10-14 and 21 of co-pending application 10/043,882 and claims 1, 7 and 9 of co-pending application 10/043,018. Applicant is submitted the appropriate terminal disclaimers herewith and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection for claims 1-40.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-40

Claims 1-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilt et al, , U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2003/0140179 and having a filing date of January 4, 2002. Applicant is submitting herewith an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 that the invention as claimed in claims 1-40 was conceived of and reduced to practice before the January 4, 2002 filing date of Wilt. Furthermore, Applicant's counsel was preparing the present application for filing on the two working days between the January 4, 2002 filing date of Wilt and the January 8, 2002 filing date of the present application. Therefore, Wilt is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-40 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for

allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-3476.

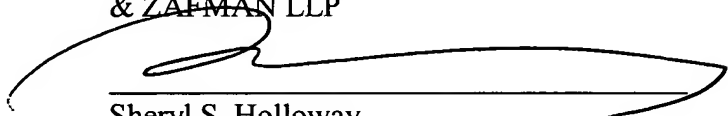
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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